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## PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON A REQUEST FOR WAIVER FILED BY THE HERRIMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKING TO LICENSE A SPECIALIZED MOBILE RADIO POOL CHANNEL

## **ULS File Number 0010184781**

Comments Due: June 12, 2023

**Reply Comments Due: June 27, 2023** 

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the above-captioned application and waiver request filed on August 29, 2022, by the Herriman Police Department (Herriman PD).<sup>1</sup> Herriman PD is a Public Safety Pool licensee seeking to license a one-channel conventional base station repeater in Herriman City, Utah on an 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) Pool channel (859.6750 MHz).<sup>2</sup> It also seeks to license associated mobile units on the mobile transmit side of the SMR channel pair (814.6750 MHz).<sup>3</sup>

In a waiver request attached to its application, Herriman PD requests to operate a one-channel conventional 800 MHz base station repeater with associated mobile units as the "primary means of communications for Emergency Management" and as a standalone backup option for Herriman PD which uses Utah's trunked radio system for its primary communications.<sup>4</sup> Herriman PD indicates that given the lack of public safety spectrum, it has been unable to identify an 800 MHz channel for the conventional base station, that is allocated for public safety.<sup>5</sup> Harriman PD claims that no public safety channels are available for licensing in and around Herriman City, Utah due to the presence of the "statewide trunked radio system."

Consequently, Herriman PD seeks a waiver of Section 90.617(d) of the Commission rules so it can license SMR Pool frequency 859.6750 MHz for use at its one-channel conventional base station repeater and SMR Pool frequency 814.6750 MHz for associated mobile units operating within 25 kilometers of the base station repeater.<sup>7</sup> Section 90.617(d) states that frequencies in the SMR Pool are available for licensing "only to eligibles in the SMR category" including SMR stations and eligible end

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Herriman Police Department Application, ULS File no. 0010184781 (dated Aug. 29, 2022) (Herriman PD Application). *See also* Attachment to Herriman PD Application labeled "SMR Waiver" at 1 (attached Aug. 29, 2022) (Waiver Request).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Herriman PD Application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Waiver Request at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id. See also* Herriman PD Application.

users.<sup>8</sup> Therefore, Herriman PD, a public safety entity, would not be eligible to license the requested SMR channel pair absent a waiver.

In support of its waiver request, Herriman PD includes with its application a letter from its frequency coordinator, APCO International (APCO), stating that it searched all "public safety and vacated spectrum and Industrial/Business 800 MHz Frequencies" but could identify none available for licensing at the location of Herriman PD's proposed new base station repeater.<sup>9</sup> APCO says that all the frequencies it searched have "co or adjacent incumbents less than 88 km" from Herriman PD's proposed site.<sup>10</sup>

Furthermore, Herriman PD says that, if its waiver request is granted, the SMR Pool channel will be used at its proposed conventional base station repeater to provide "public safety standard communications to Public Safety personnel in-buildings throughout the City and surrounding area." Herriman PD notes that in the event of an outage to the state's trunked radio system, its repeater will continue addressing safety-of-life "issues for our employees, citizens and visitors." Herriman PD notes that the risks to its community include "winter weather, earthquakes, and wildland fires." <sup>113</sup>

We seek comment on whether the Bureau should grant Herriman PD a waiver of the eligibility requirements in section 90.617(d) so it can license SMR Pool frequency 859.6750 MHz at its one-channel conventional base station repeater and SMR Pool frequency 814.6750 MHz for associated mobile units and use the SMR channel pair for public safety communications.

Interested parties may file comments on or before **June 12, 2023**. Parties may file replies on or before **June 27, 2023**.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 47 CFR § 90.617(d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Letter from Amanada Bredstrup, Senior Processor, APCO International to Federal Communications Commission at 1 (October 17, 2019) (attached to Herriman PD Application on Aug. 29, 2022) (APCO Coordination Statement).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Waiver Request at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Enhances the Commission's Universal Licensing System to Implement Electronic Filing for Pleadings, Public Notice, 21 FCC Rcd 424 (WTB 2006). See <a href="http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs-public/attachmatch/DA-06-125A1.pdf">http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs-public/attachmatch/DA-06-125A1.pdf</a>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See 47 CFR Part 1.

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